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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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FROM: Kika de la Garza
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D C -- Rep Kika de la Garza said Tuesday that students looking for ways to finance their education after high school may be able to receive up to \$1,400 a year in Federal grants in time for the next school year.

"Under the Basic Educational Opportunity grants program sponsored by the U S Office of Education, eligible students may be awarded from \$200 to \$1,400 a year to help meet their educational expenses," the Congressman said. "Repayment of these grants is not required."

Students who began their post high school education after April 1, 1973 and attend at least half-time can qualify and may attend any one of more than 5,000 eligible schools. These include not only traditional colleges and universities but also vocational, technical or business schools, and hospital schools of nursing.

Rep de la Garza said that to apply for a grant a student must first complete and submit an "Application for Determination of Basic Grant Eligibility" for the 1975-76 school year. "These forms" he added, "are available from high schools, colleges, libraries, or by writing Basic Grants, Box 84, Washington, D C 20044, or write us and we will get them for you."

"A basic grant may not cover more than one-half of the total cost of education," the Congressman pointed out. "This includes tuition, fees, room and board, books, supplies and miscellaneous expenses."